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CHARLESTON, IL--December 1986 was the largest single month of giving in Eastern Illinois University Foundation's history, EIU President Stanley Rives said today.

"Total of gifts was \$519,544 this past December. That compares with \$322,232 raised in December 1985," Rives said. In a further comparison, the president said this past December's giving was 669 percent over that of December of 1984.

Membership in the President's Club, open to individuals who give \$1,000 or more annually and businesses giving \$5,000 or more annually passed the 100 mark in 1986.

The Tenth Decade Campaign, inaugurated in 1985 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Eastern's founding in 1895, has reached just under 40 percent of its five-year, \$5 million goal. The dollar figure is \$1,976,914.

Rives also indicated the "Make Room for Art" and the "Holley Distinguished Professorship Fund" drives have both topped the \$100,000 mark in cash and pledges.

Funds for the former will be used to provide physical facilities for the Art Department. Bert Holley, who came to Eastern in 1946 and is retiring this summer, will be honored with a named professorship.